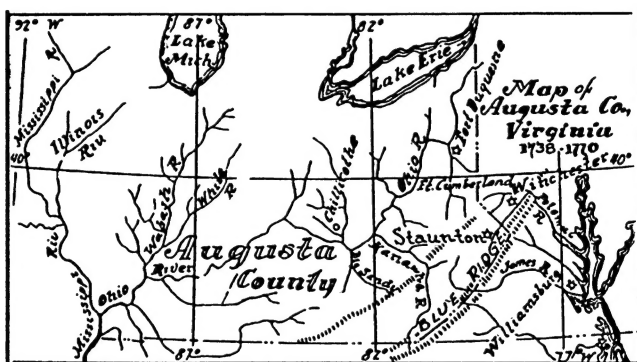


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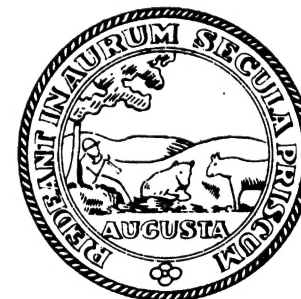
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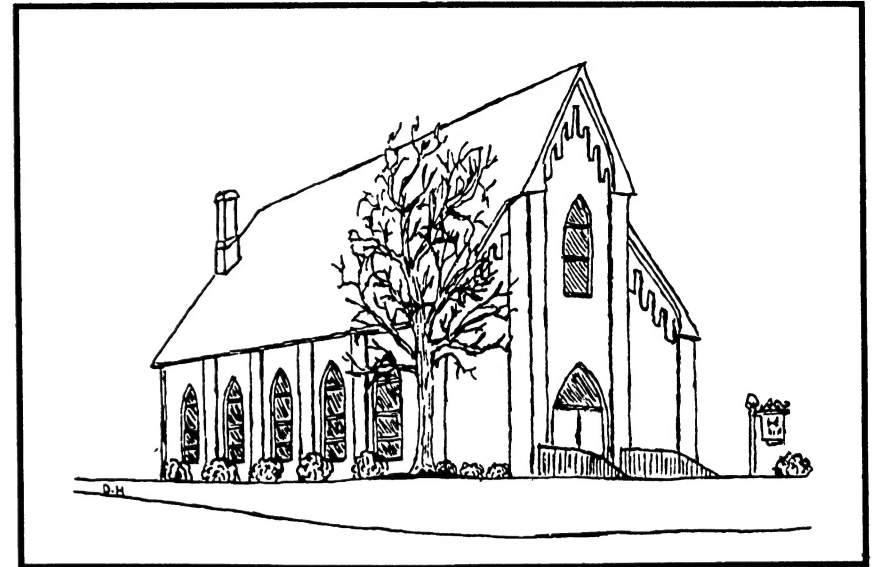
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*Mt. Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Middlebrook, Virginia*

## **MOUNT TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH\***

By

Frank C. Hanger

We welcome having the Augusta County Historical Society hold its Spring Meeting with us at Mount Tabor. Mount Tabor has been a witness to the community at its present location for 150 years—and for fifty or more years before moving to its present location was known as St. John's Lutheran Church, worshipping jointly with the Reformed congregation known today as St. John's United Church of Christ.

We have had to rely on several sources for the history of our early years—especially the journals of Paul Henkel; the History of the Lutheran Church in Virginia by the Rev. Dr. William E. Eisenberg, and the 100th Anniversary booklet, prepared in 1939 by the Rev. H. E. Poff.

Paul Henkel, an untiring pastor of the early days of our church in the Valley notes having met in the home of Friederich Hengerer (Frederick Hanger) in the early 1780s. It was his custom to invite neighbors for a service,

\*Presented at the Spring, 1989, meeting of the Society.

and possibly perform baptisms and other ministerial acts as they met. It is noted later that Frederick Hanger was one of the officers of St. John's Church near Middlebrook in Augusta County. So, it would seem that Mount Tabor, or St. John's dates from the 1780s.

It was at the Hanger home that Henkel met the Rev. Adolph Spindler, who was to figure so largely in the St. John's Lutheran existence for the next three decades or more. No personal papers or biographical accounts of Spindler are known to exist, but he began caring for the infant congregation at St. John's, began ministering to a group of Germans north of Waynesboro, forming what was later known as Koiner's Church, and also gathered pioneer German Lutherans into a congregation in Staunton. He accomplished these deeds before seeking licensure as a minister.

From the records of the history of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, a glimpse of the scope of Spindler's activities can be gathered. Through these reports we find that he reported a significant number of baptisms as well as other ministerial acts. We know that he purchased a tract of land near the Sugar Loaf, and from his home there, he took care of pastoral activities. He was able to preach only in the German language. In the early 1800s this was coming to be a liability as the young people began to demand that English be used in the conduct of the church's work. Dr. Eisenberg notes that many English speaking people of German descent were lost by our church because of the slowness of change to use of English in our churches. The language problem became less acute with the arrival of the Rev. Michael Meyerhoeffer in the 1820s as a successor to Pastor Spindler. Meyerhoeffer was a speaker of ability, and as he preached in English, he was successful in calming the dissension over the language problem. He died at the early age of 39—but it is noted that with his passing, so the language problem faded at St. John's.

In 1837, the Rev. David F. Bittle, just graduated from the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, was called to be the pastor of the union church. In 1838, under the direction of Dr. Bittle, the two congregations—the Reformed and the Lutheran—decided to dissolve the joint ownership of the property, with the Reformed members acquiring the interest of the Lutheran members.

From several sources, we have been informed of the method used to determine the site of the to be built Lutheran church. From an account given by the Rev. J. Siler Garrison in his book, *History of the Reformed Church in Virginia*, the method used to select the site was as follows: A member from the farthest home in the northern end of the parish, and another from the southern end, were to start (whether walking or riding—the accounts differ) moving toward the center of the parish and their meeting place would be the site of the church to be built. According to Dr. Garrison, as they met on the brow of the hill where Mount Tabor now stands, they were greatly pleased with the surrounding scenery—one exclaiming "this is the place", and the other saying, "and its name shall be Mt. Tabor." And so here the church was

built and was named Mt. Tabor. Dr. Garrison further notes that through the years of the union church, the relations between the Lutheran and Reformed people were cordial and harmonious, that after the separation the same cordiality and harmony prevailed and has continued to the present time.

Dr. Bittle provided the leadership needed to make the new venture a successful one for the church flourished under his guidance. It was during his pastorate that it was evident there was a great need for education among the young men of the community. In the fall of 1842, with the aid of Christian C. Baughman, he organized and located in the parsonage a small classical school. The school was subsequently moved to a log building near by under the name of the Virginia Institute. In 1847, the Institute was removed to Salem, Virginia, and chartered as Roanoke College. Dr. Bittle left Mt. Tabor to serve as a pastor in Middletown, Maryland, but returned to Virginia as president of Roanoke College in 1853.

The church ably survived the Civil War and the reconstruction days. Parochial reports of these years show continued growth and vital involvement in the work of the church at large. One episode—an account which is found in an old Augusta Historical Bulletin concerns the family of William A. McComb—a long time member of Mt. Tabor. It seems that Mrs. McComb, whose husband was killed in the war, was left at home with her small children—including Mr. McComb.

He states that several Union officers appeared at their home asking whether she had any cattle on the place. She had to answer "Yes", because they could see her one remaining cow down by the barn. She begged them desperately not to take it as it provided the only milk she had for her small children. They refused and the cow was driven down the lane out on the road, with the children in tears at the loss of their pet. Mrs. McComb felt certain that the cow would be butchered that evening—however, the next day it returned on its own.

In 1888, the congregation decided to erect a new church building as the old one was very much in need of repairs, as well as being out of style. Under the leadership of the Rev. George W. Spiggle, the new building was erected, being dedicated in February of 1889. The records show that entrance into the new church was marked by a great revival meeting which lasted some six weeks. It is reported that through rain and snow the people attended, with a great gathering of souls for the Lord being the result. The preaching was by the Rev. Mr. Spiggle, assisted by the Rev. Alonza P. Ludden who had served earlier from 1845 to 1850 as pastor of Mt. Tabor.

Many of the early records of the church were lost when the home of the secretary of the church burned, along with many of the secretary's records. However, we have access to some diaries kept by the Bosserman family during the late 1800s and early 1900s which give in detail many of the activities of the church and community. Also available to us is a very voluminous scrapbook kept by the Clemmer family. This book contains

hundreds of newspaper clippings describing many church activities, descriptions of weddings and social events, as well as obituaries of many members of Mt. Tabor and other members of the community. The accounts are fascinating reading, with the descriptions of the people being most revealing. As an example of this, I would like to share with you an account of the wedding of William A. McComb and Miss Emma Bowman. It reads this way: "One of our most enterprising citizens was married on Tuesday to one of Augusta's handsomest daughters. The contracting parties were Mr. William McComb and Miss Emma Bowman, both of the Arbor Hill community. It is hardly necessary to say that the entertainment given at the home of the bride was of the highest order, for everything that Miss Bowman touches in the culinary department is all that the palate of the most fastidious epicure could desire. Quite a number of friends were gathered to witness the ceremony performed by the Rev. Mr. Spiggle of the Lutheran church. Many handsome gifts were displayed; among the number was a new Davis sewing machine, the gift of the groom's mother. After the ceremony and the congratulations and best wishes of all present, the happy couple left for Staunton where they took "The Flying Dutchman" for a visit of some weeks to the World's Fair." This sample is representative of the clippings of those years.

We could enumerate the details of the building, the improvements that have been made during the years, and we call your attention to the windows which we feel present a witness each time we enter the building. However, we feel that while the buildings are important and essential to meaningful worship, the important thing we want to emphasize is the witness to our faith that has been the real reason for our being here on this hill. The dedication of the men, women, and children who have been and still are the real church is what we feel is the primary object of our existence.

We are in the process of having a book printed of the history of Mt. Tabor, with as much detail as we have been able to assemble. It is in the final stages of preparation, and should be available shortly. It will be delivered to us by Roanoke College. We hope that you will be interested in obtaining a copy of the history.

Thank you for honoring us with your presence on the occasion of the Spring meeting of the society in our church.

## TRACKING THE GERMANS TO THE SUGAR LOAF\*

By

Peggy Shomo Joyner

For 150 years Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church has contributed significantly to the religious life of this community. The people who established Mt. Tabor in 1839 were not newcomers to this area, nor were they newcomers to Lutheranism. They simply moved their activities to a new facility, leaving an older church which had been established by their parents and grandparents over 50 years earlier. These early people who introduced Lutheranism to the Middlebrook area were Germans. They had come from the country we call Germany today. It was then made up of small states and principalities, each ruled by a noble family or overlords.

Many of the people who came to the new world were from the Palatinate, a large area on both sides of the Rhine River in Southwestern Germany. This area had been constantly devastated by war and marauding armies as they crossed back and forth across the land of the Germanic people. The devastation created hopeless economic difficulties for the inhabitants.

Several years ago I traveled on the back roads in the German Palatinate, visiting many of the villages where some of our early settlers around the Sugar Loaf had once lived.

The villages were built in clusters in ancient times. They could defend themselves better from their enemies. Some of the villages still have castle ruins and remnants of protective walls surrounding them. The farmers' houses, all with the barns attached, are still in the villages. Each morning the farmers go to their fields outside the villages to farm their land. There are no farm buildings in the countryside surrounding the villages and no fences with overgrown fence rows - just clean and beautiful countryside with fields, forests and vineyards.

Every village has at least one church. In the late 1600's and 1700's the churches were Lutheran and German Reformed, with a smaller percentage of Catholics. In the late 1600's many persecuted Mennonites from Switzerland moved into the German Palatinate. They lived there a generation or two before the great German exodus began.

To an American visiting the German villages there is a startling awareness of antiquity. Many villages and towns existed before 1000 A.D.

\*Portions of a talk given by Peggy Joyner at a joint meeting of the Augusta County Historical Society and the members of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church at the celebration of the church's 150th anniversary. (24 May 1989)



A surprising number of church registers in Germany has survived. It is possible to find birth, marriage and death records in them which trace families to the 1500's when the ministers were first required to record these vital statistics.

As word began to spread through the Germanic villages about the opportunities in the new land, the people listened. They yearned for a chance to overcome their economic difficulties, to own land and to create a better life for their families.

The first group of Germans arrived at Philadelphia in 1683. Immigration continued and accelerated until thousands of Germans arrived yearly. The two major ports of entry were at Philadelphia and Baltimore. The newcomers settled from Philadelphia to the Blue Mountains in the west. When the better land was taken, land prices and taxes soared in Pennsylvania. The settlers began a movement to the southwest through western Maryland into the Shenandoah Valley.

The first people to settle in the Valley, for which there is documentation, were Germans. About 1727 a group from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania established a colony at Massanutten in present Page County. Soon there were Germans on the Opequon Creek and the Shenandoah River. The Scotch-Irish followed closely on the heels of the Germans. Many of the Scotch-Irish moved past the German settlements in the northern Valley to present Augusta County.

The Germans were good farmers who used certain guidelines in selecting their land purchases. They knew that black walnut trees grew in the limestone soil which they preferred. They followed the trail of the black walnut which brought a sizeable group up the Great Wagon Road to this area as they began to buy farms from the Scotch-Irish in the 1760's and 1770's.

Most of the Germans could not speak English which resulted in few of them holding public offices. They could not communicate well with their English-speaking neighbors. A German family rarely lived in total isolation, but migrated and settled new areas with family and friends. They held religious services in homes, barns and under trees where they prayed, sang and someone read a sermon from a book. When there were enough Germans in the community a union church was built.

The Lutherans and German Reformed built a church here about 1785. They named it St. John's. A resident Lutheran minister named Adolph Spindler was a well known figure in this area. Rev. Paul Henkel recorded that he found Spindler at Frederick Hanger's house in 1786 and that Rev. Spindler could speak little English. The Rev. Spindler held services, baptized the children, married the young people, buried the dead and had a school for German children in his home on his 210 acre farm at the Sugar Loaf. The Rev. Johannes Braun came occasionally, probably twice a year, from Rockingham County to administer Holy Communion to the German Reformed.

No clues have been found to tell us of the background of Adolph Spindler, who for 40 years was the spiritual leader of all the Germans here. He must have had some education. He wrote in German script and kept a church register which is now at the University of Virginia Library. He organized a Lutheran church named Coiner's and one at Staunton.

A line of communication among the scattered early communities was quite active. The Great Wagon Road, completed in the early 1750's, stretched 435 miles from Philadelphia, through Maryland, the Valley of Virginia to the Yadkin River in North Carolina. This is Route 11 today. People flowed out of the northern colonies as they migrated into and through this area. The road was not one way. As people traveled back and forth, they carried letters and messages to people along their travel route. The Germans often knew what was happening in Germany from travelers who passed through or from German newspapers printed in Pennsylvania and Virginia. To illustrate the mobility of the early people here, let me give you some highlights of the life of one of our families.

Johann Melchior Hengerer lived in the lovely villages of Neidenstein and Eschelbronn in the Palatinate. He was recorded as a forester, hunter and game keeper for the duke. He married in 1723 Maria Elisabetha Majer, a daughter of Marx Mejer of Neidenstein. By 1738 they had eight children, seven of the baptisms registered in the Lutheran church registers of Neidenstein and Eschelbronn. In 1740 the family arrived at Philadelphia on the ship "Robert and Alice." They were in Lutheran records in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania until 1748 and by 1751 they had migrated to the Greenbrier in Virginia.

The oldest son of Melchior was Frederick, born in 1726. The second son was Peter, born in 1729. These two sons left the Greenbrier area and moved to Frederick County where they lived for about 18 years. In 1769 they migrated to Augusta County. Frederick, then 43, bought a tract of land somewhere near Arbor Hill. Peter, age 40, purchased land near Staunton. It is difficult for us to imagine a man living on Virginia's frontier, traveling to Pennsylvania, boarding a ship and going home to Eschelbronn and Neidenstein. Frederick Hanger did just that.

He had come to this country at the age of 14. What a homecoming he must have experienced when he visited family and friends in Germany when he was in his mid-twenties! We can be sure he traveled with written and verbal messages to individuals along the Great Wagon Road through Maryland, Pennsylvania and along the Rhine in Germany.

Frederick returned to Philadelphia in 1754 on the ship "Peggy." Signing aboard with him were (among others): Jacob Frederick Mayer, Johann Vallentin Mayer and Daniel Hengerer. The two Mayers and Frederick Hanger were first cousins, all having the same grandfather, Marx Majer. Frederick may have gone to Germany more than once and he may not have been the only German of this area who returned to Europe for visits or business.

Language was still a problem for the Germans in 1792 when the following petition was sent to the legislature.

This Petition of a number of Inhabitants of Augusta County, & of German descent, humbly sheweth - That your Petitioners, from being unacquainted with the English Language, have not a knowledge of the Laws of this Country, & thereby labour under many disadvantages, & a total ignorance of the Proceedings of your honourable house - they therefore humbly pray your honourable Body to remove a grievance, so repugnant to the feelings of a free people, (who have always contributed their part for the support of government) and order a sufficient number of copies of the Proceedings of your Honorable Body, to be printed in the German Language, whereby they may receive such information as will make them more cheerfully comply with the requisitions of their laws.

The Petition was signed by 193 adult German males. The names suggest that the petition originated in the area of the Sugar Loaf because many of the signers were members of St. John's. The petition was not honored. (1792 Legislative Petitions, Virginia State Library)

The earliest surviving list of members of St. John's was made in 1801. There were 91 adult males, about half Lutheran and half German Reformed. This was the largest German church in Augusta County.

There seems to be some continuity and symbolism in the burials of the Spindlers. Adolph died in 1826 and was buried at St. John's. His wife, Elisabetha (Kaumann) Spindler, died in 1850. She lived long enough to worship in the Lutheran's new church, Mt. Tabor, where she was buried.

The Germans had followed the trail of the black walnut to settle all around the Sugar Loaf where they eventually built Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church.

## AUGUSTA COUNTY OBITUARIES 1869

copied by

Anne Covington Kidd

[Continued from Volume 25, Number 1]

... 31st ult., at the residence of his father in this place, David R. ACKERMAN, eldest son of A. F. and Mrs. M. J. Ackerman, in the 19th year of his age. [SS 8 June 1869]

On the 15th ult., near Kansas, Edgar county, Illinois, Mr. J. Y. ALLISON, formerly of Augusta county, in the 67th year of his age. [VV 1 July 1869]

Died ... July 8th, Eugene [ANDERSON], infant son of Col. W. D. and M. V. Anderson, aged 23 days. [SS 13 July 1869]

... Mr. John T. ARNALL of this place .... Wednesday night, he ceased to breathe. At his residence ... 22nd inst. ... aged 65 years, 2 months and 21 days. [SS 28 September 1869]

... collision of the Pacific Railroad, near San Francisco, by which .... [Alexander W. BALDWIN] lost his life, on last Sunday morning ... the eldest son of the late ... Judge Jos. G. Baldwin, formerly of our town. Judge Alexander W. Baldwin was born in Gainesville, Alabama, in 1841 ... he entered the University of Virginia at ... 14 .... At 18 a practicing lawyer, he at once took a first-class position at the California Bar. At 19, he was Prosecuting Attorney, and at 20 the acknowledged head of the Nevada Bar. At 21 he married a ... lady (who survives him with two or three children) .... At 22, he was made Judge of the U. S. District Court for the State of Nevada .... was a small, delicate man, of marked nervous temperament, very handsome .... The mortality among the men of Judge Baldwin's family, within the last few years, has exceeded that of a battle-field. His uncle, Col. Cyrus B. BALDWIN, a distinguished lawyer and wealthy planter of Houston, Mississippi, died in the Confederate Army in June 1862, aged about 40; his second brother, Jos. G. BALDWIN, Jr. ... died in August 1864, aged 22; his ... father, Judge Jos. G. BALDWIN, September 30th, 1864, aged 49; his Grandfather, Capt. Jos. C. BALDWIN, April 21st 1868, aged nearly 90; his third brother, Jno. W. BALDWIN, Esq., August 30th, 1868, aged 22, and himself, November 14th, 1869, aged 28. Judge Jos. G. Baldwin's surviving family ... his widow ... one son, just grown and two daughters, one married to Jno. B. Felton, Esq., a distinguished lawyer of San Francisco, and the other still at school. At Oakland, near San Francisco ... August 30th, 1868, John W. BALDWIN, Esq. [SV 19 November 1869]

On the 28th inst., at his residence in this place ... Thomas BARRETT. [SV 5 March 1869]



... 19th of Oct., at his residence in Hillsboro, Ohio, Mr. John BARRY, aged 56 years .... second son of the late Andrew Barry .... emigrated to this county from Augusta county, Va., as early as 1825, when ... twelve years. Hillsboro Ohio News. [SV 19 November 1869]

At the residence of her husband, on the 12th of April, Mrs. Lucy F. [BELL], wife of W. J. D. Bell, in the 52nd year of her age. [SV 30 April 1869]

On the 4th instant, at Lewisburg, Greenbrier county, W. Va. ... Mrs. Sarah A. BELL, wife of Mr. Johnson E. Bell, of Lewisburg, and daughter of John Wayt, Esq., of Staunton, aged 46 years and 3 months. [SS 12 January 1869]

... in Amherst ... Edwin Quinlan ... shot Dick BENNETT, negro ... Willis Bennett's [brother] .... on Wednesday last .... Ned Quinlan, a young man who was born and raised in Staunton. [SV 5 March 1869]

In Staunton ... August 28th, Robert E. [BISHOP], youngest son of Robt. E. and Mary J. Bishop, aged 13 months. [SS 7 September 1869]

Died near Yellow Sulphur Springs, Blount county, Tenn. ... 5th Dec., Thomas Otterbine [BISHOP], son of Robt. J. and Mary J. Bishop, formerly of Augusta county. [SS 12 January 1869]

At Mt. Solon, on 26 Dec., 1868, Mrs. Mary A. BOLEN, aged 26 years, 7 months and 7 days. [SS 5 January 1869]

Mrs. Mary Brooke BOWCOCK, wife of J. O. Bowcock of Albemarle, died at the residence of Col. Jas. Cochran, near Mint Spring, on the 26th ult., in the 26th year of her age. [SS 2 February 1869] ... at "Folly," the residence of Col. Jas. C. Cochran ... wife of J. Overton Bowcock. [SV 29 January 1869]

Near Middlebrook ... 20th of September, Mrs. Ann BROWN. [SS 19 October 1869]

Issac BROWN, an old and highly respected colored man, long a resident of this place, died on Sunday last .... He was for many years the faithful slave of Dr. Reynolds ... [now] a freedman ... this community has lost one of the most correct and trustworthy colored men we ever knew. [SV 5 March 1869]

At his residence near Fishersville ... 30th ult., John BROWN, in the 62nd year of his age. [SS 8 June 1869]

... at the residence of his father, near Hebron church ... Mr. Newton BROWN, in the 20th year of his age .... taken away from father; mother and sister. [SS 12 January 1869]

Died, November 8th ... Mr. William BROWNEE, aged 61 years and three months .... member of A. R. P. Church. [SS 7 December 1869]

In this place ... 17th inst., Mrs. A. F. BURKE, aged 32 years--wife of Wm. A. Burke. [SS 20 July 1869]

... 5th inst., at the residence of her husband, near Waynesboro, ' Mrs. Rachel BUSH, wife of Jas. S. Bush, in the 78th year of her age. [SV 12 March 1869]

Near Waynesboro', March 5th, Mrs. Rebecca BUSH, aged 81 years .... member of Tinkling Spring Church. [SS 16 March 1869]

At his residence in this place ... 26th of February, Mr. Thos. BUTLER, in the 66th year of his age. [SS 2 March 1869] ... 22d ult. [VV 4 March 1869]

At the residence of her father in Staunton ... 22nd of Feb., Miss Mattie BYERS, in the 25th year of her age. [SS 2 March 1869] ... Miss Mattie J. BYERS, daughter of Capt. John S. Byers. [SV 26 February 1869]

... Mrs. CAREY, living near the Blue Ridge Tunnel, in this county, was burned to death on Wednesday. [SV 29 January 1869] ... an aged lady ... found near Waynesboro. [VV 28 January 1869]

At her residence near Middlebrook, on the 29th of May ... Mrs. Mary CARWELL, aged 51 years, 4 months, and 22 days. [SS 8 June 1869]

Died in this place ... Miss Nannie CATLETT. [SS 16 February 1869] ... at the residence of her uncle, N. P. Catlett, Esq. ... in the 21st year of her age. [SV 19 February 1869] On Feb. 15th .... [VV 18 February 1869]

At Mt. Solon ... 26th of August ... George [CLARK], son of Dr. James L. And Martha Clark, in the 17th year of his age. [SS 7 September 1869] ... 29th of August. [VV 9 September 1869]

... May 2nd, near New Hope, Mary Elizabeth [CLARK], infant daughter of William and Sarah J. Clark, aged 6 months and 2 days. [SV 21 May 1869]

Died at his residence near Deerfield ... 2nd of June ... Wm. CLAYTON, in the 83rd year of his age .... joined the Methodist Church. [SS 8 June 1869]

Willie CLAYTON, six years old, son of W. K. Clayton, dec'd, was drowned on Friday last, in attempting to wade the Calf Pasture River, near Deerfield, with the view of going to his step-father, W. W. Newman, who was on the opposite side. [SV 23 April 1869]

Died ... at the American Hotel ... Mr. N. CLEARY, in the 53rd year of his age. [SS 16 February 1869] On the 12th inst. ... Nicholas CLEARY, Esq. .... born in Occoquan, Prince William Co. ... March 16, 1816 ... studied law ... emigrated to California ... elected to Judgeship of the 13th Judicial District of that State .... returned to Washington City ... was sent to Shanghai, China, as United States Naval Storekeeper ... [a] comparative stranger in Staunton .... leaves a young wife. [VV 18 February 1869]

... May 1st, George Thomas [CLEVELAND], son of O. E. & S. A. Cleveland, aged 2 years, 2 months and 23 days. [SV 7 May 1869] ... George Thomas [CLEAVELDE] [VV 6 May 1869]

... 2d inst., at the residence of her father, in Staunton, Miss Magdalen M. COCHRAN, in the 39th year of her age. [SS 8 June 1869] On the 1st inst. ... second daughter of Geo. M. Cochran, Sr. [SV 4 June 1869] ... Maglia M. [VV 3 June 1869]

At his residence near Greenville in this county ... 15th of Feb., Mr. William COCHRAN, in the 71st year of his age. [SS 16 March 1869]

Mr. Henderson COE, of Loudoun county, Va., an insane man, brought to this place by his brother, (Aurelius Coe), and Mr. Jos. Cockrill, for the purpose of gaining admission into the Western Lunatic Asylum, committed suicide ... Dec. 24th .... examination by Dr. Wm. S. McChesney. [SS 5

January 1869] On Thursday morning of last week, a lunatic named Aurelius COE, of Loudoun county, was killed by sliding off the porch in the rear of the American Hotel in this place. [SV 1 January 1869]

At the residence of Mrs. Venable in this place ... 25th ult., Mrs. Carrie V. D. COLEMAN, consort of Thomas E. Coleman, Esq., in the 29th year of her age. [SS 3 August 1869] ... [leaves] father and the child bereaved by her death. [SV 13 August 1869] ... 30th year of her age. [VV 29 July 1869]

In this place ... 5th of April, Mrs. Mary COLLINS, in the 52nd year of her age .... funeral ... from the St. Francis (Catholic). [SS 6 April 1869] Public Sale .... Sept. 15th.-Wm. H. Gorman, Com'r, will sell the House and Lot of the late Mrs. Mary Collins, on the McAdamized road, in the corporation of Staunton. [SV 3 September 1869]

On the 14th inst., in Staunton, at the residence of her husband, Mrs. Lucretia COX, aged 43 years and one month. [SS 21 September 1869] ... Sept. 15th ... consort of B. F. Cox .... member of the Presbyterian church .... [leaves] husband and children. [SV 22 October 1869]

Mr. Wm. CRAIG, one of the oldest inhabitants ... of Staunton, died. [SS 18th May 1869] At his residence ... on the 17th inst. ... in the 71st year of his age. [SS 25 May 1869] ... in his 70th year. [SV 21 May 1869]

Died ... 27th of March, near Centreville, Augusta county ... Minnie O. CRAUN, infant daughter of George A. and Amanda E. Craun, aged 3 months, and 25 days. [SS 13 April 1869]

At Barterbrook, on February 28th, Mrs. Sarah CRAVER, aged 63 years .... member of Hebron Presbyterian church. [SS 16 March 1869]

Died, in Staunton ... 12th inst., Katie [CROCKWELL], daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Crockwell, aged about 14 months. [SS 13 April 1869]

... August the 30th, at his residence near Spring Hill, Mr. Amos CROSBY, in the 83d year of his age .... member of the Methodist Church. [SS 14 September 1869]

Near Barterbrook, in this county ... 4th of August, Walter DAVIS, in the 77th year of his age. [SS 17 August 1869]

Died on the 24th of September ... at his home near Midway, Johnnie M. [DULL], son of M. M. and M E. Dull, aged 1 year, 4 months and 13 days. [SS 12 October 1869]

Died ... in Baltimore city ... 19th inst., Miss Bettie J. EIDSON, daughter of Henry Eidson, Esq., of Augusta county. [SS 3 August 1869] .... Scarcely a short year since "The Messenger" called, and a loved younger sister, and bridge of a few short months had gone home to rest. [SS 3 August 1869]

11th of June ... Charles Elmore [ENSOR], infant son of George B. and Virginia H. Ensor, aged 1 year and 4 days. [SV 25 June 1869]

At the residence of Mr. John B. Hoge in this place ... the 10th, Mrs. Elizabeth EUBANK, in the 76th year of her age. [SS 16 March 1869]

On the 29th ult., in Spring Hill, Jacob EWING, in the 63rd year of his age. [SS 7 September 1869] On the 27th ult. [VV 2 September 1869]

In Roanoke, Woodfred county, Illinois, at the residence of his brother

on November the 12th, William FAUBER, son of Samuel C. Fauber, Esq., of this county in the 35th year of his age, leaving ... wife. [SV 17 December 1869]

On Thursday morning last, two colored men, Samuel FINLEY and Walker WITT, lost their lives in a well they were digging on the farm of Mr. Milton Brooks, four miles from Greenville. [SS 17 August 1869]

Died Jan. 19th ... at the residence of his father, Mr. John Fisher, near Parkersburg, W. Va., formerly of Staunton ... of a fever contracted on the Wabash River, Mr. Samuel J. D. FISHER, (nephew of S. J. Davis of Staunton), aged 24 years, 4 months and 4 days. Dear Nephew, fare thee well! [SS 9 February 1869]

Mrs. Martha FRAZIER, mother of Wm. Frazier, Esq., died in this place 22nd inst., aged 79 years. [SS 27 April 1869] ... age of 79 years, lacking a few weeks .... member of the Presbyterian church. [SS 11 May 1869]

On the 6th instant, in this place, M. FRENCH. [SS 11 May 1869] ... 2nd inst., at the residence of her mother, in Waynesboro', Miss Peamelia F. FRY ... in the 30th year of her age. [SV 12 March 1869]

At the residence of her husband, Justice George, near Waynesboro', on the 30th ult. Mrs. Christina GEORGE, in the 74th year of her age. [SV 9 April 1869]

In an altercation ... the 7th inst., at Pond Gap, in this county, between Reuben Green and Joseph GREEN (both colored) the latter was killed by the former. [SS 16 February 1869]

Died ... in Waynesboro, on Friday evening last ... John H. HAINES, aged about 60 years, formerly of Shepherdstown, W. Va. [SS 25 (Tuesday) May 1869]

Near Horeb church, in this county ... 21st of November, Mr. Jesse B. HAMNER, aged 71 years, 9 months and 14 days. [SS 30 November 1869]

On July 20th ... Kate E. HANGER, infant daughter of Dr. David W. and Sallie Hanger--aged 4 months and 23 days. [SS 27 July 1869] On the Long Meadow ... Kate Evans [HANGER], infant daughter of Dr. David W. and Sarah Margaret Hanger, aged 3 months and 22 days. [SS 27 Jul 1869]

At his residence, near Waynesboro ... on the 21st inst., Peter HANGER, Senr., in the 74th year of his age. [SS 27 April 1869]

Died ... 2d day of June ... Sarah Margaret [HANGER], wife of Dr. D. W. Hanger, and youngest and last living child of Col. Franklin and Nancy A. McCue, in the 31st year of her age .... A little more than twelve years ago, they [the McCues] had a family of seven grown children, four daughters and three sons, and now the last olive plant has been removed from around their table. The three elder daughters who were married and were mothers, died within the short space of eight months. Then the two unmarried sons, within a shorter space of time, came home from camp to linger a few days in delirium fever, and to die. Not long after the oldest son was ... called away; and now the last child leaving five little children to the care of her mother. [SS 29 June 1869]

Died, near Greenville on the 7th of May, Mrs. Katherine HAWPE, aged 63 years and 2 months. [SS 18 May 1869]

... on Thursday night last, on the McAdamized road two miles below here Mr. John HEFFNER, formerly of this county, about 60 years of age, was killed. [SS 6 July 1869]

On Saturday morning last, Jno. H. Hendren, Esq., of this place, received a dispatch from Philadelphia announcing the death of his brother, Dr. Sm'l R. HENDREN, who had been for a week or ten days in that city on business ..... His home was near Parnassus in this county. [16 November 1869] Tribute of Respect. At a called meeting of "The Augusta Academy of Medicine" ... Drs. A. M. Fauntleroy, Wm. S. McChesney, and T. W. Shelton were appointed a committee .... R. S. Hamilton, President A.A.M., C.C. Phillips, Secretary. [SV 26 November 1869]

Near Churchville .... 26th of September ... Susan Ella [HITE], wife of W.F. Hite. Scarcely 15 months had passed since the deceased had been wedded to him who now mourns her death .... [leaves] a child .... an only daughter, an endeared sister. [SS 26 October 1869]

Near Middlebrook ... 16th inst., Mrs. Margaret HOGSHEAD, wife of Elijah Hogshead, Esq., aged 62 years 5 months and 18 days. [SS 21 December 1869]

At his residence in Staunton ... April 2nd, Robert J. Hope, Esq., aged 53 years. Tribute of Respect .... Staunton Lodge No. 13, of Free and accepted Masons. [SS 6 April 1869] Public Sale .... Sept. 18th.--By Jas Bumgardner, Jr., Com'r., the House and Lot on Frederick Street, belonging to the estate of the last Robt. J. Hope. [SV 3 September 1869]

On the 18th of September, near Mt. Solon, Mrs. Mildred HOY, consort of Capt. Isaac Hoy, in the 66th year of her age. [SV 1 October 1869]

On the 11th of March ... J. Sprigg [HUDDLESON], infant son of John and L. M. Huddleson, aged 8 months and 12 days. [SS 27 April 1869]

At the residence of her son-in-law Daniel Miller, near Sangersville ... 29th of August, Mrs. Susan HUFF, aged 86 years and 16 days. [SS 7 September 1869]

On North River, near Mt. Solon ... 15th inst., Anna Maria HUFFNER, maiden daughter of Michael Huffner, dec'd, in her 67th year. [SS 23 March 1869]

9th instant, near Mr. Sam'l Landes' mill, in this Co. ... [\_\_\_\_\_] HULVEY], son of Mr. George Hulvey, over two years old. [SS 22 June 1869]

On Thursday last, in Richmond, Rev. Wm. IDE, father of Prof. E. Louis Ide of Staunton, in the 60th year of his age. [SV 16 July 1869]

In Staunton ... Dec. 22nd, Mrs. Elizabeth S. JOHNSON, aged 62 years, 6 months and 12 days, wife of Robt. P. Johnson. [SS 28 December 1869]

In Staunton, on Saturday last, Mrs. Nancy JOHNSON, wife of Mr. Samuel Johnson. [SS 28 December 1869]

At the house of Mr. Egbert Harman, in this place, on the 24th of December last, Miss Sallie JOHNSON, of Waynesboro, aged 57 years. [SV 22 January 1869]

On the 10th of March ... Robert Lee KENNERLY, youngest son of Samuel and Frances C. Kennerly in the 4th year of his age. [SS 6 April 1869]

At Hermitage, in this county, Rev. Samuel KENNERLY, aged 75 years .... minister in the Methodist Church for 54 years. [VV 17 June 1869]

... Dr. Geo. M. KING, of Waynesboro ... on Friday last ... died. [SS 7 September 1869] At the "Mountain Top House" ... 3rd inst. ... in the 31st year of his age. [VV 16 September 1869]

... 25th ult., Luella Vernon [KINGDEG], infant daughter of Abram and Elizabeth Kingdfig, aged 3 months and 23 days. [SV 9 July 1869]

... 3rd inst., at Stribling Springs, in this county, Mrs. Betsy Ann [KINNEY], wife of Chesley Kinney, Esq., in the 48th year of her age. [SS 16 March 1869]

... 14th of August, Andrew J. [KNISELY], son of Geo. W. and Susan S. Knisely, in the fourteenth year of his age. [SS 5 October 1869]

Casper KOINER died at his residence on South River, in this county ... 5th instant ... aged 47 years, 2 months and 25 days. [SS 17 August 1869] ... was received into the Lutheran Church when young .... dutiful son, an affectionate brother, kind husband, indulgent father. [SV 13 August 1869]

Died in the vicinity of Fishersville, on the 31st of December 1868, Mrs. Mary KOINER, consort of Mr. Geo. Koiner, dec'd, in the 71st year of her age .... connected ... with the Evangelical Lutheran Church .... Farewell, dear Grand-mother, till we meet above. Mollie. [SS 12 January 1869]

... August 3rd, at the residence of her husband on South River in this county, Mrs. Mary Jane KOINER, consort of Kasper Koiner, in the 40th year of her age. [SS 10 August 1869] ... Mrs. Mary Jane KOINER, consort of Kasper Koiner, of Jacob. [SV 6 August 1869] ... aged 47 years .... member of the Presbyterian church .... this husband [Casper] and wife .... leave an only daughter. [SV 13 August 1869]

In this place, on Friday last, Pearce [KRAMER]--infant son of Rev. Geo. and Jennie V. Kramer--aged 9 months and 27 days. [SS 13 July 1869]

Died on Mossy Creek, in this county ... 10th instant, David M. KYLE, in the 68th year of his age .... left a wife and four children. [SS 12 January 1869]

A little daughter [\_\_\_\_\_] LANDES] of Mr. Daniel Landes, living in this county, aged about 5 years ... drowned on Friday last, in the race of Dice's saw-mill, near Burke's mill. [SS 25 May 1869] Mary Ann LANDES [VV 27 May 1869]

Died, in Covington ... June 4th, Mr. Wm. LARQUEY, aged about 20 years--formerly of Staunton. [SS 8 June 1869]

Near Staunton ... 24th inst., Lucy Ellen [LAWRENCE], infant daughter of Thomas and Sarah J. Lawrence, aged 17 days. [SS 30 March 1869]

On Middle River, below Spring Hill ... 16th inst., Abram LITTEN, in the 87th year of his age. [SS 23 March 1869]

... at his residence on Turkey Creek, in Monroe county, Mr. George LYNCH, in the 68th year of his age .... native of Augusta county ... but for

more than 30 years a resident of this county ... member of the M. E. Church .... bereaved wife and mourning children .... Union Register. [SS 13 April 1869]

At the D and D. and Blind Institution, in this place, on the 25th ult., Miss Kate MARTIN, a pupil of the Institution, and daughter of Hon. E. S. Martin, of Jonesville, Lee County, Va., in the 16th year of her age. [SS 2 February 1869] ... 26th inst., Miss Katie MARTIN. [SV 29 January 1869]

At Mossy Creek ... 29th of Dec., Miss Polly MATHENY, aged 70 years .... member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. [SS 5 January 1869]

In this place ... 9th inst. ... Mrs. Elizabeth McClung ... 86 years of age. [16 March 1869] Tribute to the Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth McClung ... departed to be with Christ ... 11th inst., in the 87th year of her age .... youngest sister of Dr. A. Alexander .... She resided, for several years past in the Augusta Female Seminary, in Staunton, conducted by Miss Baldwin and one of her daughters. --Here she was ... beloved friend and guardian of the large household of young ladies. [SS 23 March 1869]

On the 14th inst., John McClURE, aged 2 years and fourteen days. [SS 21 December 1869] ... at the residence of his parents ... Andrew and Mary McClure. [SV 24 December 1869]

Died ... 15th ult., at his father's residence, near Kindig's school house, in this county ... Mr. John L. McCreary, aged about 36 years. [SS 2 March 1869]

Died at Fort Lewis, near Staunton, November 8th ... Anna Givens [McGuffin], daughter of D.C. and Sue M. McGuffin, aged two years, ten months, and fifteen days. [SS 16 November 1869]

On the 24th ult., at the residence of his father in Staunton, Henry Bedinger [MICHIE], youngest child of Henry B. and Virginia B. Michie, aged 6 months and 24 days. [SS 1 June 1869]

... 22d inst., near Conrad's store, Rockingham county ... Miss Annie MILLER, daughter of Mr. Thos. K. and Amanda Miller .... [attended] school at the Wesleyan Female Institute in Staunton. [SS 28 September 1869]

In Frankford, Greenbrier county, W. Va., on the 25th of January, Alexander Fountaine MURRAY, a native of Augusta county, aged 38 years. [SS 9 February 1869]

On May the 10th ... in Greenfield, Ross county, Ohio, Mrs. Melvina Catharine MURRY, consort of James Murry, formerly of Augusta county, in the 24th year of her age. [SS 8 June 1869]

... 27th inst., Mr. Henry OTT, of Moffett's Creek, in this county ... accidentally shot himself. [SS 30 March 1869] ... in the 47th year of his age .... On Saturday of the communion season in the church of New Providence, of which he was a member, and an office-bearer, he was in his place as the leader of the choir, but on the Sabbath his seat was vacant. [SS 6 April 1869] Enos Ott, surviving partner of H & E Ott, will sell a quantity of personal property, and as Administrator, will sell the real estate of H. Ott, deceased, at his late residence near New Port. [SV 6 August 1869]

N. K. Trout, Com'r., will sell a 105 acre tract of land, adjoining the village of Hermitage, belonging to the estate of Samuel PARRENT, dec'd. [SV 6 August 1869]

Died, near Mossy Creek, Jefferson county, Tennessee, on the 11th day of June, Judge Jacob PECK ... Sixty-five years ago he was a student of law in Staunton, with the late Chapman Johnson, Esq. [SS 22 June 1869] ... 90th year of his age .... one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of that state. [SV 25 June 1869]

Public Sale in Augusta County.--Dec. 28th.--Wm. Chapman, Com'r, will sell the farm willed to Jas. Pelter by the late Sampson Pelter, one mile below Waynesboro, on South River. [SV 17 December 1869]

Passed into the spirit land on ... the 17th, Florence M. PIPER, beloved daughter of James A. and Ann. E. Piper of Staunton. [SS 27 April 1869]

Died ... 10th instant, near Spring Hill ... Mr. U. D. POE, aged 62 years, 8 months and 17 days. Tribute of Respect. At a stated meeting of Staunton Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., held at the Odd Fellows' Hall ... February 11th ... P. G. M., N. K. Trout, announced the death of Brother Urbane D. Poe. [SS 23 February 1869]

In this place, on Friday last, Cora Temple [Pritchard] --infant daughter of J. T. and Mary A. Pritchard--aged 1 year, 9 months and 27 days. [SS 13 July 1869]

Died, near Moscow ... 5th instant ... J. William PROPS, aged 29 years, 10 months, and 19 days. The deceased had been on a visit to his uncle, some 8 or 9 days, and, in company with a cousin, was returning home ... a half mile from the former place. [SS 13 April 1869] ... 6th instant. [SV 19 April 1869]

In this place, on the 19th inst., Joseph T. [PRUFER]--infant of Frank and Caroline Prufer--aged 11 weeks and 3 days. [SS 22 June 1869]

In this place on the 18th ult., Stephen V. [RIDG(E)WAY], infant son of R. S. and M. L. Ridg(e)way, aged six months and 13 days. [SS 3 August 1869]

On Saturday last, whilst Mr. Jno. Risk, who lives on the farm of Mr. Sam'l X. Kerr, near Summerdean in this county, was handling his gun, it was accidentally discharged and shot his daughter [\_\_\_\_\_] RISK] about 20 years of age .... This was the only child he had living--his only son being ... killed during the war. [SS 24 August 1869]

On the 17th ult., at the residence of her son-in-law, John J. Bell, Esq., of Waynesboro', Mrs. Ann ROBERTSON, in the 74th year of her age. [SV 5 March 1869]

Died near New Hope ... 8th instant, Mrs. Ann C. ROBERTSON, consort of Col. George Robertson, aged 75 years 4 months and 8 days. .... [Methodist]. [SS 23 February 1869]

Died ... in Covington ... June 4th, Mrs. Carrie ROBERTSON, aged 40 years, 7 months, and 10 days, and daughter of Thos. J. Michie, Esq. of Staunton. [SS 8 June 1869] ... consort of Capt. H. H. Robertson. [SV 11 June 1869]



At his residence near New Hope, in this county, on the 21st inst., Col. George C. ROBERTSON, aged 80 years, 2 months and 8 days. [SS 24 August 1869] .... Col. Robertson's ancestors settled in Augusta at a very early day. They came with the Lewises, Christians and others and he ... was the third in descent from the original owner of the farm and home in which he was born and died. [SV 27 August 1869]

In Staunton, on Thursday morning last ... Mr. James B. SANDAGE, aged 57 years. [SS 24 August 1869]

On Saturday morning last ... Mr. Austin SANDRIDGE, formerly of Brown's Cove, in Albemarle county, committed suicide .... He came from Albemarle about two months ago ... and had been working the furnace near Sherando; leaving there he moved to a tenant-house on the land of A. M. Hawpe, near Greenville .... about fifty years of age and leaves a large family. [SS 27 July 1869]

... 22nd ult., Mr. George SAUFLY of Rockingham was drowned whilst attempting to cross North River at the ford at Rockland Mills. He was returning to his home from Mr. John W. Roller's in this county. [SS 1 June 1869] resided near Rockland Mills. [SV 28 May 1869]

On Saturday night last ... a party of young men of this place, some disguised as colored men, went to the house on Market street occupied by Gennie Sorrel, a Cyprian quadroon ... Several entered the house; a pistol was fired, and Jacob SCHERER (son of John B. Scherer, Esq.) was ... killed .... After some time had elapsed, the chief of Police, Jacob Parent .... went to the house of John M. Stanley and arrested him. [SS 24 August 1869] Tribute of Respect. [SS 31 August 1869] .. third son of Jno. B. Scherer, Sr. .... unmarried man about twenty years of age .... Mr. Stanley ... a man of middle age, with a wife and one child, a son about 15 or 16 years old .... Mr. Stanley was co-habiting with a mulatto girl, named Ginnie Sorrell .... Examination of the case ... before Justices Pearce, Clinedinst and Anderson .... attended by Dr. B. B. Donaghe .... [Young men involved] Jas. O'Brien .... Jas. Trayer .... N.S. White .... Charles Trayer .... Dr. Fauntleroy.-was at the post mortem. [SV 27 August 1869]

... 13th inst., at the residence of Mr. Thos. Crawford of North River, Mr. John SCHRECKISE, in the 72nd year of his age. [SS 31 August 1869]

Died on March 12th, Lucy M. SCHUTTERLE, daughter of John Schutterle ... in the 13th year of her age. [SS 6 April 1869]

Near Spring Hill ... 28th of March ... Mrs. Ann SHEETS, consort of Mr. David Sheets in the 64th year of her age .... member of the "United Brethern Church." [SS 6 April 1869]

... 30th of August, Ella [SHIPLETT], infant daughter of Givens and Eliz. Shiplett, aged one year. [SS 14 September 1869]

At his residence near Staunton ... 3rd of August, Mr. Hugh SHOTT, in the 78th year of his age. [SS 10 August 1869]

... 2nd inst., at his residence near Mt. Solon, Jacob SHOWALTER. [SV 16 July 1869]

At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. James Padgett near Sherando in this county, Mrs. Mary Hill SILLING, consort of the late Wm. Silling, in the 82nd year of her age. [SS 26 January 1869] ... member of the Methodist Church. [SV 22 January 1869]

In this place, on the 4th instant ... Andrew Jackson SOUTHARDS, in the 33rd year of his age. [SS 16 November 1869]

On the 7th of May, near Greenville, Miss Rebecca STRAIN. [SS 18 May 1869]

On May 18th, in Greenville ... Sue J. SUPPLE, youngest daughter of Rob't and Mary Supple. [SS 25 May 1869] ... Susan J. SUPPLE ... in 22nd year of her age. [SS 28 May 1869]

At his residence, near Moscow, on the 19th inst., Mr. Washington SWINK--aged 55 years, 9 months and 28 days. [SS 28 September 1869]

Died on the 11th of March ... at his residence, at Swoope's depot, in this county, Washington SWOOPE, Sr., aged 73 years, 3 months, and 11 days. [SS 23 March 1869]

Died in Staunton ... June 4th ... Annie THOMPSON (colored) daughter of Charles and Eve Thompson, aged 12 years and 11 months. [SS 8 June 1869]

On last Wednesday evening ... a party of young men from Long Glade, Moscow, and Mossy Creek were going home from the Fair, one of them--William TODD, second son of Capt. James H. Todd, near Mt. Solon ... was killed .... His body was carried into the house of Mrs. R. Hamrick, on the Mt. Solon road, about five miles from town .... Dr. S. Homer Henkel ... [made] an examination. [SS 19 October 1869]

... a former citizen of Staunton, Wm. D. TROUT, Esq., deputy clerk of the County Court of Rockingham .... was born in Port Republic in Rockingham, whither his remains were carried for interment .... in the 42nd year of his age. [SS 29 June 1869] .... [leaves] aged mother and mourning brothers and sisters. [SV 2 July 1869]

On the Long Meadows, March 2nd, Mrs. Elizabeth TURK, 61 years of age .... member of Tinkling Spring church. [SS 16 March 1869]

We are pained to announce the death of .... in Harrisonburg, Mr. David VAN PELT, of Naked Creek, Augusta county. He died at his home, near Burke's Mill ... on Monday evening last .... was Flour Inspector of Harrisonburg.-Rockingham Register. [SV 10 September 1869]

Near Staunton ... April 23rd ... Mrs. Isabella WADDELL, wife of Mr. Legh R. Waddell, and daughter of the late Robert Hill, Esq., of Buckingham county. More than seventeen years ago she came to this community to complete her education .... It has pleased God to take her from mother, husband and six little children in the thirty-fourth year of her age. [SS 27 April 1869] wife of Mr. Leigh R. Waddell. [SV 30 April 1869]

Lyttleton WADDELL, senior died ... March 12 ... at the house of his son, L. Waddell, junior, in Augusta county, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. [SS 16 March 1869] ... at Churchville ... 11th instant .... the youngest and

last surviving child of the Rev. James Waddell, D.D., so well known as "the blind preacher" .... bred to the profession of law, but ... [found] the work of instructing youth in classical and mathematical studies more congenial to his taste .... civil office of a magistrate in Augusta county, and in the ecclesiastical office of a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church of Staunton--both held through a long succession of years. [SS 23 March 1869]

At her residence on Middle River, near New Hope ... 5th ... Feb. ... Mrs. Ann E. WALKER, aged 53 years. [SS 2 March 1869]

The farm belonging to the estate of Thomas WALKER dec'd, in this county on Middle River, near Mt. Sidney, was sold about the 20th of March to John H. Crawford for the sum of \$27,242.50, being at the rate of \$85 per acre. [SS 13 April 1869]

... 1st of April, Benny P. [WALTERS], infant son of Dr. Wm. L. and Hannah C. Walters, aged 7 months and 5 days. [SV 23 April 1869]

In Staunton, at the boarding house of J. F. Maupin, Annie Statia [WELSH], infant daughter of Andrew and Marian Welsh, of Richmond. [SS 10 August 1869]

... 12th inst., Miss Mary Almira [WHEAT], daughter of Rev. J. C. Wheat, of this place, aged 28 years. [SS 16 March 1869]

Near Sherando, on the 17th instant, Mrs. Isabella K. WHITE in the 24th year of her age. [SS 26 October 1869]

Died at his residence on the 26th of Nov., Mr. Robert WHITLOCK in the 53rd year of his age. [SS 14 December 1869]

Died near Parnassus, on the 1st instant ... Mrs. Margaret B. WHITMER, consort of Samuel Whitmer, aged 62 years and 4 months .... member of the Methodist church. [SS 9 February 1869]

At Spring Hill, on 12th Dec., 1868, Mrs. Louisa WILSON, aged 53 years and 5 days. [SS 5 January 1869]

Tribute of Respect. At a meeting of the Augusta Fire Company, held at their Hall on the 22nd of January .... The death of Bro. Wm. H. WILSON was announced .... John A. Bickle, John Donovan, John B. Scherer, Committee. [SS 26 January 1869]

On Friday evening Mr. Joseph WINFIELD, Jr., went down in the well of Mr. Geo. Smith on the railroad in the suburbs of this place .... and fell to the bottom .... lived but a few hours .... was raised near North Garden, in Albemarle county, whither his remains were taken .... had been living here about two years. Tribute of Respect .... Staunton Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F. [SS 17 August 1869] .... Joseph F. WINGFIELD [SV 20 August 1869]

Died, on Nov. 24th ... near West Columbia, Mason county, W. Va., John WISEMAN, aged 84 years--formerly Augusta county. [SS 14 December 1869]

Walker WITT - See Samuel FINLEY.

Died in Staunton, yesterday evening ... Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Wood, wife of Charles E. Wood, and daughter of Capt. John H. Ast. [SS 28 December 1869]

Died in Spring Hill, May 1st ... Willie V. [YATES], infant son of James M. and Mary L. Yates, aged 18 months and 9 days. [SS 11 May 1869]

We are pained to notice the death of Samuel YOUNT, Esq., one of the oldest citizens of our county ... on Saturday last. [SV 29 January 1869]

The daughter of a respectable old farmer, formerly of Augusta county ... now a resident of Lafayette county in this State, died recently at the station-house in Warrensburg, and was buried in the pauper's burial ground, without a single mourner, and the driver of the hearse her only attendant.--St. Louis Dispatch. [SS 25 May 1869] .... scarcely eighteen year of age. [VV 17 June 1869]

The remains of those buried in the small pox cemetery--being those of soldiers and others who died with that disease--would have been removed ere this to the soldiers' cemetery had it been thought safe to do so. They have not been forgotten and will be removed to the soldiers' cemetery. On each memorial day these graves have been decorated with flowers by fair hands. [SS 30 March 1869]



# COMPANY E VALLEY RANGERS 1ST VIRGINIA CAVALRY

By

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April 19, 1990 will mark the one hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the departure from Waynesboro, Virginia of the Valley Rangers (later Company "E" of the 1st Virginia Cavalry). A local militia cavalry unit comprised of "the finest young men from the Waynesboro and east Augusta county areas".

This group was originally formed in the winter of 1859, "during a time of much military enthusiasm through out the South". The group's first musters, and drills were held in the New Hope area with more formal meetings in the old Waynesboro Academy, located near the present corner of Broad Street and Wayne Avenue.

The Valley Ranger's first Captain and undoubtedly it's original founder was Henry H. Peck of Staunton, Virginia with Ben Weller as 1st Lieutenant. All other original, elected, officers and non-commissioned officers are not known. Both Captain Peck and Lieutenant Weller resigned prior to the Valley Ranger's departure from Waynesboro, Virginia in April, 1861. Ben Weller later joined the Company as a private and served in the ranks until the end of the war.

William Patrick was elected Captain, concurrent with the resignation of Henry H. Peck and served as commander of the Company until the final re-elections and reorganization of the Army of Northern Virginia in the winter of 1861-2. Thomas W. McClung was elected Captain at that time and commanded the Company until the end of the war.

Company "E" served with distinction with the 1st Virginia Cavalry thru out the war years under the command of Stonewall Jackson, J.E.B. Stuart, W.E. Jones, Fitz Hugh Lee Brien, James A. Drake, Welby Carter, W.A. Morgan and were involved in most of the major battles and cavalry skirmishes that occurred in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Company "E" held it's final reunion in April, 1911 at Waynesboro, Virginia on the fiftieth anniversary of the departure of the Company for Harpers Ferry to join the "grand Army that was forming there". At that time twenty-eight out of the fifty-one living members were present. Nine of whom were original members of the Valley Rangers that departed Waynesboro fifty years before.

The last living member of Company "E" was Thomas J. Walker who in 1935 was living at the Soldiers Home in Richmond, Virginia.

The Roster of Company "E" that follows was compiled from H.B. McClellan's book "The Campaigns of Stuart's Cavalry" and up-dated from articles that later appeared in the August 18, 1922 issue of "The Valley

Virginian", Re-Union of Company "E", 1st Virginia Cavalry, dated April 19, 1911, and the September 19, 1967 issue of "The News Virginian". A more detailed account of Company "E"'s activities and participation in individual engagements is currently being assembled. Two incomplete diaries from Elliott G. Fishburne and Dewitt Clinton Gallaher have and continue to be invaluable to this research effort.

Contradictions and inconsistencies are unavoidable with the lapse of time and the lack of more detailed first hand accounts. Any corrections or more detailed information on individuals or occurrences is appreciated and should be directed to James W. Brady, 4832 Via De La Luna, Yorba Linda, California, 92686.

Original source data: "The Campaigns of Stuart's Cavalry" by H. B. McClennan.

\* "The Valley Virginian" dated August 18, 1922.

\*\* "Re-Union Company "E", 1st. Virginian Cavalry", dated April 19, 1911.

\*\*\* "The News Virginian", dated April 19, 1967.

## Officers & Non-Commissioned Officers

Name	Rank	Comments
Patrick, William Mortally Wounded at 2nd. Manassas August 31, 1862.	Captain / Major	Promoted to Major 17th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry
McClung, Thomas W. Living in 1922.*	1st. Lieutenant / Captain	Wounded July 3, 1863.*
Hanger, John M. Died after 1922.***	2nd. Lieutenant	Resigned due to ill health.
Gallanger, William P. Died after 1922.***	Brevt. 2nd. Lieutenant	Resigned in July 1861.
Hanger, William A. Living in 1922.	1st. Lieutenant	Wounded Cattlett's Station August 22, 1861; Disabled.
Moorman, John S. Living in 1922.*	2nd. Sergeant	Wounded twice; May 9, 1864, October 19, 1864.
McClung, James C. Died after 1922.***	3rd. Sergeant	
Patterson, Charles S. Died after 1922.***	4th. Sergeant	Put in a substitute in 1862.
Walker, Silas H. Died after 1922.***	1st. Corporal / 2nd. Lt.	Wounded in the wilderness May 7, 1864.
Perry, William C. Killed at Cattlett's Station August 22, 1862.	2nd. Corporal	
Mowry, Cyrus Died after 1922.***	3rd. Corporal	Put in a substitute.
Kennerly, John T. Died after 1922.***	4th. Corporal	

## Officers & Non-Commissioned Officers (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Guy, Virginius H. Died at home November 13, 1864.	Ensign	
King, Moffett G. / M.D. Living in 1922.*	Surgeon	
Freed, George W. Died after 1922.***	Misician / Orderly	Orderly for Generals Stuart and Fitz Hugh Lee.
Hanger, Norman W. Died after 1922.***	Quartermaster	Detailed at cavalry headquarters
Koiner, Elijah * Died after 1922.***	Brevt. 2nd Lieutenant	Wounded at Meem's Bottom 1864.*
Johnson, Julian A.* Living in 1922, Parma, Idaho *	Brevt. 2nd Lieutenant	

## Privates

Name	Rank	Comments
Alexander, George H. Residence, Bluefield, W. VA.*; Died after 1922**	Private	
Alexander, Samuel H. Residence Crimora, VA. **; Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded in the wilderness, May 7, 1864.
Arnall, John Baldwin Died of wounds October 9, 1864.	Private	Wounded near Columbia Furnace, October 8, 1864.
Austin, W.H.H. Died after 1922.***	Private	Permanently disabled, August, 1861

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Bare, Artedore Drowned in South River near Waynesboro, VA in 1863	Private	
Barnes, Joseph F. Died in Camp Chase, January 15, 1865.	Private	Captured in Hardy County, January 15, 1865.
Bateman, George W. Died August 16, 1904.*	Private	Captured near Appomattox Court House, Virginia.
Bateman, James B. Died in Chimborazo Hospital, March 21, 1865.	Private	Captured in Hunter's Raid and later exchanged.
Batis, N. Willis Living in 1922 at New Hope, Virginia.*	Blacksmith	Blacksmith.
Bayne, Frank Died of wounds November 1864.*	Private	Wounded May, 1864; October 8, and November 22, 1864.
Beard, Samuel Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Bell, David P. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded twice; May 2, 1863; April 6, 1865.
Bell, Frank M. Died after 1922.***	Private / 3rd. Corporal	Promoted to Third Corporal.
Bell, J. Brownlee Died at Fort Delaware.	Private	Left as a nurse with the wounded at Gettysburg.
Bell, Robert S. Died 1896.*	Private	Detailed to Quartermaster Department.
Berry, William C.* Killed at Cattlett's Station August 22, 1862.*	Private	

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Blackwell, C. Edward Living in 1922 at Newport News, Virginia.*	Private	
Boyd, William H. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Brooks, Addison Died September 26, 1872.*	Private	
Brooks, J. Augustus Died December 18, 1906.*	Private	
Brooks, J. Milton Died March 7, 1906.*	Private	
Brown, Robert B. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Brownlee, James M. Killed at Littlestown, PA. June 1863	Private	
Bungardner, William L. Died in 1890.*	Private	Wounded May 8, 1864.
Christian, Charles F. Died June 13, 1862.	Private	
Christian, James S. Died May 16, 1862.	Private	
Christian, John T. Died March 8, 1902.*	Private	Detailed to Commissary Department.
Cochran, B. F. Died after 1922.***	Private	Discharged due to ill health.

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Craig, H. Brown Killed at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.	Private / Adjutant	Promoted to Adjutant, 26th. Battalion Virginia Infantry
Crawford, C. Edward Died March 4, 1904.*	Private	Captured at Yellow Tavern and Escaped.
Crawford, George W. Killed at Spotsylvania CT. HS. May 8, 1864.	Private	
Crawford, I. S. Died May 7, 1905.*	Private	Wounded at Todd's Tavern, 1864.
Crawford, James Allen Living in 1922 at Dallas, Texas.*	Private / Corporal	Promoted to Corporal.
Crawford, James McP Died August 2, 1891.*	Private / Orderly Sergeant	Captured at Cedar Creek; but recovered same day.
Crawford, Stuart M. Residence, Mississippi; Died prior to 1922.	Private	Promoted to Orderly Sergeant.
Crawford, Toliver W. Died July 24, 1861	Private	
Crawford, W.B. Died October 9, 1905.*	Private	Put in a substitute.
Critzer, James A. Residence, Basic City, VA.**; Died after 1922.*	Private	Captured near Greencastle, PA July 4, 1863.
Cullen, David C. Died June 23, 1904.*	Private	
Dalhousie, A. Nathaniel Residence, Midland, VA.**; Died after 1922.*	Private	Wounded at Kennon's Landing.

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Dalhousie, Charles Gambrill Died December 24, 1861.	Private	Wounded near Williamsport, PA., June 27, 1861.
Davis, John J. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Put in a substitute, April, 1862.
Davis, Livingston Waddell Died May 24, 1894.	Private	Captured twice; July 21, 1861 (escaped) & August 1864 in Taylor County, VA. Prisoner for 3 months at Camp Chase, MD. Died May 24, 1894
Donoho, Lucian M. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Captured at Rich Mountain, July, 1861.
Drake, David William Died October 24, 1900*. (1909**)	Private / Sergeant Major	Promoted to Sergeant Major, 1st. Virginia Cavalry.
Eakle, James Died May 24, 1864.*	Private	
Edwards, G. B. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Captured at Westminster, MD., June 29, 1863.
Estill, John L. Residence, California; Died September 6, 1905.**	Private	Wounded once.
Finley, L. Newton Died in 1887.*	Private	Captured at Berryville, September 23, 1864.
Finley, W. W. Died in Camp; Fairfax County, February 13, 1862.	Private	
Fishburne, Elliot G. Died May 7, 1906.*	Private / 3rd Sergeant	Wounded twice; September, 1863 and 1864.

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Fitch, Alexander P. Residence, Indiana**; Died after 1922.*	Private	Wounded at Meem's Bottom, 1864.
Freed, George W. Died May 30, 1908.**	Private / Orderly	Orderly for General J.E.B. Stuart.
Freed, William Abe Living in 1922 at Fishersville, Virginia.*	Private / Corporal	Wounded at Spotsylvania Court House May 9, 1864.
Futz, Fredrick L. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Put in a substitute in 1864.
Futz, John Hampden Residence, Kentucky; Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded at High Bridge in 1865.
Gallaher, D. Clinton* Living in 1922 at Charleston, W. VA.*	Private	
Gallaher, (D/B). Clinton Died February 19, 1911.*	Private / Courier	Detailed as a Courier at Cavalry Headquarters.
Gardner, W. B. Killed May 7, 1864.	Private	
Gilkeson, Irvin W. Died January 16, 1902.*	Private	
Graham, J. W. T. Died after 1922.***	Private	
Guy, Virginius R. Died at home November 13, 1864.	Private	
Guy, William M. Died in Richmond, Virginia, July 17, 1862.	Private	

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Hamilton, Jacob P. Living in 1922 at Swoope's, Virginia.*	Private	
Hanger, J. Dorsey Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Detailed to Commissary Department.
Hanger, James L. Died after 1922.***	Private	Detailed to Commissary Department.
Hanger, John Died after 1922.***	Private	
Hanger, John H. Died December 17, 1903.*	Private	Discharged due to ill health.
Hanger, John Marshall Died December 17, 1903.*	Private	Discharged due to ill health.
Harner, William F. Died May 9, 1902.*	Private	Captured near Waynesboro, Virginia, March 2, 1865.
Hayden, B. Jerry Living in 1922 at Union Mills, Virginia.*	Private / 4th. Sergeant	
Hayden, O. D. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Hayden, Soc. Living in 1922 at Concord, Virginia.*	Private	Wounded in May, 1864.
Hildebrand, Gideon Killed April 1, 1865.	Private	
Hildebrand, C. (D)* Living in 1922 at Fishersville, VA.*	Private	Medical doctor after the war.*

### Privates (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Hiserman, Homer C. Living in 1922 at Salenda, California.	Private	
Hoy, James M. Died at home June, 1864.	Private	Wounded five (seven*) times same day, May 7, 1864.
Hunter, Robert H. Died September 29, 1907.*	Private / 4th. Corporal	Wounded at Gettysburg.
Hunter, William L. Died September 29, 1907.*	Private / Lieutenant	Wounded April 1863 and February 1865.*
Irvine, James F. Died March 27, 1909.*	Private	Put in a substitute.
Johnson, Julian A. Died after 1922.***	Private / Brev. 2nd Lieutenant	
Johnson, Zacharea Died in 1862 from wound.	Private	Wounded near Falling Waters, June 5, 1862.
Keiser, J. N. Died in 1921.*	Private	Wounded in Spring 1863 and November 1864; disabled.
Kennedy, Henry Killed by a prisoner he was taking to the rear.	Private	Killed by a captured Orderly Sergeant with hidden knife.
Kennedy, Isaac Living in 1922 at Raphine, Virginia.*	Private	
Kennerly, James W. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded May 7, 1864.
Kennerly, John T. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	

### Privates (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Kerr, D.M. Died January 17, 1910.*	Private	Disabled after a fall from a house.
Kerr, James T. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded at High Bridge April, 1865; Permanently disabled.
Kerr, John S. Died after 1922.***	Private	With Mosby; Captured at Yellow Tavern; Escaped.
Kerr, Samuel Residence, Waynesboro, VA; Died in 1917.*	Private	
Kerr, William C. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Koiner, Alex Died in 1920.*	Private	Wounded March 5, 1865.
Koiner, C. William Died August, 1864 at Camp Morton, IND.	Private	Captured in Hunter's Raid, 1864.
Koiner, Casper M. Killed at Kennon's Landing, March 5, 1865.	Private	Wounded March 17, 1864.*
Koiner, Charles Died after 1922.***	Private	
Koiner, Christian H. Died in captivity of wound June, 1863.*	Private	Wounded and captured at Littleton, PA. June 30, 1863.*
Koiner, Elijah Died after 1922.***	Private / Brev. 2nd Lieutenant	Wounded at Meem's Bottom, 1864.
Koiner, George M. Died after 1922.***	Private	Transferred from 52nd. Virginia Infantry.



### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Koiner, J. Webster Died August 30, 1879.*	Private	Wounded at High Bridge, April, 1865.
Koiner, Philip D. Died in 1917.*	Private	Wounded at Hawe's Shop, May 26, 1864.
Koiner, W. Died after 1922.***	Private	Transferred to Infantry.
Laureu (Larew*), James Killed at Gettysburg, 1863.	Private	
Laville, David Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Captured in retreat from Gettysburg, 1863.
Layman, G.W. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Put in a substitute.
Leonard, Jacob H. Died July 31, 1907.*	Private	
Leonard, John F. Died May 10, 1909.*	Private	Wounded at Brandy Station.
Leonard, Luthet M. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Wounded in the wilderness, May 7, 1864.
Long, James F. Killed in the Valley November, 1864.	Private	
Marshall, Jacob W. Died in 1883.*	Private	Captured and retaken at Yellow Tavern May 11, 1864.
McClanahan, John M. Died March 13, 1892.**	Private	Captured and retaken at Slatersville.

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
McClausland, William D. Died June 27, 1919 at Lockhart, Texas.*	Private	Wounded three times; April 1863, and twice in June 1864.
McClung, C. William Died November 25, 1901.*	Private	
McClung, Frank Died after 1922.***	Private	
McClung, James * Died July 18, 1908.*	Private	
McComb, James Died July 19, 1908.*	Private	Wounded April, 1865.*
McComb, James H. Died July 9, 1899.*	Private	Wounded April, 1865.*
McComb, Joseph Henderson Killed at Spotsylvania CT. HS. May 9, 1864.	Private	
McComb, Moses H. Died May 25, 1910.*	Private	
McComb, W.A.D. Died July 9, 1906.*	Private / Courier	Detailed as Courier at Cavalry Headquarters.
McCue, Sam H. Died September 29, 1909.*	Private	Wounded at Cedar Creek, October 9, 1864.
McCue, W. Crawford Died at home August 26, 1861.	Private	
McCue, W. Wirt Died at home, March 12, 1862.	Private	

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Miller, Samuel M. Killed near Berryville.	Private	Wounded three times; Seven Pines & twice at Gettysburg.
Miller, Crawford Died after 1922.***	Private	Stunned (wounded*) by shell at Luray, VA.
Miller, John D. Died after 1922.***	Private	Shot thru the body, May 7, 1864.
Moffett, Milton M. Died May 23, 1889.*	Private	Captured at Rich Mountain, July 18, 1861.
Moffett, Robert W. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded December 1, 1864.
Montgomery, Thomas A. Died after 1922.***	Private	Blacksmith
Montgomery, William F. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Blacksmith
Moorman, James F. Died at Madison CT. HS. May 1, 1862.	Private	
Moorman, John S.* Died August 28, 1876.*	Private	Wounded May 7, 1864.*
Mowry, C. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Murray, Daniel Died in 1895.*	Private	Teamster
Palmer, Martin V. Died in 1911**.	Private	Captured 1864. Wounded twice; 1865 & At Beam's Station.

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Patterson, Charles S. Died November 22, 1908.*	Private / Courier	Put in a substitute in 1862.
Patterson, William Brown Died August 21, 1890.*	Private	Put in a substitute ; rejoined 52nd. Infantry.
Patterson, William H. Died at home, April 16, 1863.	Private	Detailed as Courier at Cavalry Headquarters.
Pilson, H. Clay Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Rader, Henry Died prior to 1922.*	Blacksmith / Private	Put in a substitute & later joined 5th VA. Infantry.
Rader, William H. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded in arm, cheek and head at Littlestown, PA.
Reese, Samuel Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Roler, C.A. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Wounded May 7, 1863 (1864**).
Roler, Charles Summerville Died August 26, 1907.*	Private	After the war founded Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, VA.
Root, J.F. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Sandy, Crawford* Died after 1922.***	Private	
Sheets (Shields*), J.T. Died March 8, 1897.*	Private	Detailed to Quartermaster Department.

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Sheets, William E. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Smith, James B. Died prior to 1922.*	Private	Left as nurse at Gettysburg; Prisoner for (18) months.
Smith John B. Died in 1906.*	Private	
Stuart, Robert Killed at Hawe's Shop, May 26, 1864.	Private	
Swink, Calvin L. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded twice; May, 1863 and May 7, 1864.
Thacker (Tucker*), G.M. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded May 9, 1864.
Turk, Dewitt C. Died after 1922.***	Private	Slightly wounded twice.
Turk, J. Alex Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded twice; October 19, 1864 and April 6, 1865
Walker, Thomas J. Living in 1935 at Solder's Home, Richmond, VA.***	Private	Wounded at Yellow Tavern. Last survivor.
Wallace, William T. Died April 17, 1881.**	Private	
Webb, Jacob Died prior to 1922.*	Private	
Weede, James W. Residence, Waynesboro, VA.; Died after 1922.***	Private	

### Privates (continued)

Name	Rank	Comments
Weller, Benjamin Died after 1922.***	Private / Courier	Courier at Cavalry Headquarters; Wounded May 7, 1864.
Weller, W. Frank Died after 1922.***	Private	Detained for a short time with Mosby.
Whitmore, Samuel W. Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded at Waynesboro, Virginia, May, 1863.
Wine, James Residence, Benton Harbor, MICH.; Died after 1922.**	Private	
Wolfrey, J.W. Killed at Todd's Tavern, May 7, 1864.	Private	
Yount, Samuel Died after 1922.***	Private	Wounded at Cold Harbor, June 2, 1864.
Zumbrow, T.W. Died after 1922.***	Private	

# ANANIAS DAVISSON AND SHENANDOAH VALLEY SINGING SCHOOL

By

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In the winter of 1816 a young singing master named John A. Douglas taught singing schools at Bethel and Old Providence in Augusta County and at Brownsburg, Carr's Creek, and Timber Ridge in Rockbridge County.<sup>1</sup> He used a recently published tune-book in his singing classes. It was called The Kentucky Harmony but it had been compiled and printed in the Shenandoah Valley. When publisher Ananias Davisson brought out a second edition in 1817, he thanked John A. Douglas for suggestions that grew out of his experience with the first edition in his classes.<sup>2</sup>

The Kentucky Harmony was intended for singing schools where people of all ages learned to sing four-part harmony. In his instructions for singing the 144 tunes in his book, Davisson wrote: "The bass stave is assigned to the gravest voices of men, and the tenor to the highest. The counter to the lowest voices of the Ladies, and the treble to the highest of Ladies' voices." The singing school "aimed at true part singing rather than harmonized melody." To make instruction easier, Davisson printed these complex arrangements in a simplified musical notation. Each of the seven notes of the diatonic scale had a different shape, fa was represented by a right triangle, sol by a circle, la by a square, mi by a diamond, and so on. These were shape notes.<sup>3</sup>

The singing schools of the Shenandoah Valley fostered the growth of an important American musical tradition. Here were blended "the vigorous music of the New England singing masters" with secular folk music of English, Scottish, and Irish origin "set to religious texts which happened to fit the meter." The result was a Southern folk hymnody carried by migrating settlers to new centers in the South and West. Ananias Davisson, who compiled The Kentucky Harmony, and his colleagues have been called the first American folk song collectors and they, in turn, had a formative influence on the Southern shape note tradition.<sup>4</sup>

Early settlers of Augusta County brought with them from Ulster traditional ballads and songs, a few documented in contemporary or near-contemporary sources. But the eighteenth-century singing school had no interest in these melodies. Singing masters taught only religious music, "a true method of singing Psalms." Valley Presbyterians sang only from the Psalter, with "the old Scotch tunes," and tolerated no departure from the rule. The gradually accepted the hymns in The Imitation Imitation of the Psalms of David by Isaac Watts.

Instruction in how to sing was important. The precentor or clerk gave out the tune and led the congregation in unaccompanied singing. Since musical instruments had no place in divine worship, no organist could carry the melody or keep the congregation from dragging. Some eighteenth-century observers spoke of the "genuine Presbyterian whine" and singing that resembled braying.<sup>5</sup>

The singing school had taken root in Augusta County before the American Revolution. Rev. Philip Vickers Fithian came to the North Mountain Meeting House as supply Preacher in 1775. The young Princeton graduate stayed with John Trimble and his family, near Swoope. One of the younger sons of the Trimble household who was preparing to enter the Presbyterian college in the fall term, favorably impressed Fithian. "He teaches an English School in the Day Time & four Evenings of every Week he teaches Music."

The singing school had a positive influence on congregational singing at North Mountain, where young Trimble was clerk. Fithian wrote: "I was agreeably entertained & surpriz'd to hear an Irish Congregation singing universally without the Roll & Whine. He sets the Tune himself. His Voice is not strong nor soft; it's very manageable — & he has an unconquerable Thirst for Music."

Trimble's class met regularly all through the winter. In the last week of January 1776, Fithian again "attended in Mr. Trimble's Singing School" and observed that "Several have made large Improvements." The singing school had a social side, of course. Young people and their elders could visit on winter evenings to better prepare themselves for public worship. Nor was good church music confined to the meeting house. When Fithian and young Trimble visited the Rev. John Brown and his family at Timber Ridge, they sang hymns with Miss Betsy Brown.<sup>6</sup>

Singing schools could be found in all the American Colonies, but some of the most famous singing masters called New England home. William Billings, a self-taught composer, published The New England Psalm Singer (1770), The Singing Master's Assistant (1778), and other influential collections of sacred music, much of it of his own composition. The first American edition of a British Hymnal, Royal Melody Compleat or New Harmony of Zion by William Tans'ur appeared in Massachusetts in 1767.<sup>7</sup>

The New England singing school had its most creative period in the 1780's. Billings and other Yankee musicians had discovered the pleasures of counterpoint. Earlier tunebook compilers were content to offer simply harmonized versions of traditional psalm tunes. The new school favored contrapuntal imitation between the voice parts, giving every voice a good tune to sing. Billings published Modern Music in 1781, the Suffolk Harmony in 1786, and The Continental Harmony in 1794. Daniel Read's American Singing Book appeared in 1785. Justin Morgan, best-remembered as the breeder of the Morgan Horse, was another well-known New England singing master and composer.<sup>8</sup>

Music by each one of these New England composers was included in the earliest tunebooks published in the Shenandoah Valley.

This new style of religious music reached the Valley in 1787. Rev. Howard M. Wilson has narrated how Rev. William Graham of Washington College invited Lucius Chapin, a Connecticut singing master, to move to Lexington before the end of 1789. He remained in Rockbridge County until 1797, and, in Graham's words, "acquitted himself as a master in his profession to the entire satisfaction of all who were acquainted with Musick." Lucius Chapin is credited with eleven of the most popular tuned in shape note collections, among them "Liberty Hall," "Rockbridge," and "Rockingham."

His brother Amzi Chapin came from Connecticut bringing "150 small and forty large singing books" to open his first singing school in Staunton in December 1791. He left Augusta County for Kentucky in 1795 and his brother followed him to the West two years later.<sup>9</sup>

Ananias Davisson was evidently influenced by the Chapins. Davisson was born in Shenandoah County in 1780, so he was only a teenager when they left Virginia for Kentucky. His biographers are convinced that he learned music as the pupil of one or other of the Chapins, probably in Virginia or possibly in Kentucky. It may well be significant that the first tune in Davisson's Kentucky Harmony is "Rockbridge," which he identified as Chapin's composition.<sup>10</sup>

Little is known of Davisson's life before he began publishing music books in 1816. In the first edition of his Kentucky Harmony, he wrote of "his practical knowledge as a teacher of sacred music, and his acquaintance with the most eminent masters." It would be reasonable to assume that he taught singing schools in the Shenandoah Valley for several years prior to 1816. He first purchased property in Rockingham County in 1804 and lived there continuously for more than fifty years thereafter. This did not preclude occasional trips to the West. In 1818, for instance, he visited Knoxville, Tennessee and taught singing there for a season.<sup>11</sup>

Ananias Davisson lived in Harrisonburg from 1816 to 1826 and during those years he published fifteen books, including twelve music books. The non-musical titles were Essays and The Mountaineer by Rev. Conrad Speece of Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church and a new edition of The Life and Labors of Benjamin Abbott, and early Methodist circuit rider, published at the request of James A. Dilworth, a class leader in the Harrisonburg Methodist Church. The 1820 U.S. Census listed him as a resident of Harrisonburg and the owner of one adult male slave employed in the printing establishment. He later freed his slaves.<sup>12</sup>

In the 1816 edition of the Kentucky Harmony, his first publication, Davisson noted it was for sale by book sellers in Lexington, Kentucky, Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee, Winchester, Woodstock, Staunton, Lexington, and Abington, Virginia. Was the book actually used in the Valley?

The second edition, published in 1817, thanked a number of teachers of sacred music who used the first edition and offered suggestions, among them John A. Douglas, a singing master in Augusta County, where he made his home, and in Rockbridge County.

John A. Douglas was engaged to be married in the winter of 1816. Eleanor Hall, his bride-to-be, disapproved of his singing schools and Douglas had promised her "to teach no more after this winter." He had five singing schools, he wrote her in December 1816, at Bethel, Old Providence, Brownsburg, Carr's Creek, and Timber Ridge, and evidently used the Kentucky Harmony in these classes.

John and Eleanor Hall Douglas were married and members of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, near Middlebrook, in 1818. He must have kept his promise, but perhaps the congregation sang a little better because of his singing school experience. He introduced the modern Sunday School to Bethel and was an Elder and Sunday School Superintendent when he died in 1833.<sup>13</sup>

Some of Davisson's other colleagues may have come from the Shenandoah Valley or at least have family roots there. Captain R. Boyd, Captain William Davidson, Major John Martin, Captain J. Vigor, Captain R. Munday, Messrs John A. Douglas, A. D. Carden, R. D. Humphreys, James J. Wilson, John S. Smith, James C. Lowry, and James Logan were among those teachers of music who advised Davisson on improvements and revisions for his second edition. Boyd and Munday also composed some of the tunes, hymns, and anthems included in the first edition. They joined Davisson and Major John Martin for a special singing school in Nashville in 1818.<sup>14</sup>

These shape-noted composers and arrangers shared their work freely. Allen D. Carden included 111 of the 146 Kentucky Harmony tunes in his own compilation The Missouri Harmony (St. Louis, Mo., 1820) which went through eight distinct editions, the last printed in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1858.<sup>15</sup>

The shape note song books began a process of bending different musical traditions. Davisson's Kentucky Harmony drew from the music of New England and the Scotch-Irish settlements in western Virginia. Joseph Funk of Singers Glen in Rockingham County published his own German-language tune-book in Harrisonburg in 1816. Die allgemein nützliche Choral-Music was a collection of music "from the song books of the Reformed Church, the Mennonites, and the Lutherans," as might be expected. But Funk included three tunes composed by Chapin (Rockbridge, Supplication, and Primrose) and one by Captain Boyd (Salvation) which he took "von der Kentuckie Harmonie genommen."<sup>16</sup>

Davisson himself was moving in new directions. In 1820 he published Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony. "Many of the tunes had prototypes in folksongs and traditional ballads," according to musicologist Gilbert Chase. Another music historian, Irving Lowens, termed it "a quite extraordinary compilation of spiritual folk song much more distinctly oriented in the direction of Southern folk hymnody than the Kentucky Harmony itself."<sup>17</sup>

The Supplement "may well have been the first tune book to include spiritual choruses, their presence explained by Davisson with the announcement that the book was to provide some good tunes for his Methodist friends." These spiritual choruses were camp-meeting songs.<sup>18</sup>

The song meeting had its origin on the frontier around 1800, but quickly spread to every section of the county. It reached the Shenandoah Valley by 1804. For a few days every summer the Methodists held their regular quarterly conference at the campground. Rough slab seats surrounded a preacher's stand, men on one side and women on the other. They listened to a series of sermons that began at sunrise and continued until after dark with interruptions for meals. People came to stay at the camp meeting and pitched tents in rows on either side.

The camp meeting developed its own musical style. Spiritual choruses were simple, and melodic. The works centered on personal conversion and commitment to Jesus Christ. Melodies often incorporated folk songs or popular tunes, while the text was clear and easy to remember.

One of Ananias Davisson's spiritual choruses was:

Hail the Gospel jubilee.

Jesus come to set us free,

Who shed for us his precious blood,

To raise our fallen souls to God.

He said in his preface to the Supplement that he wanted to give his Methodist friends a suitable and proper arrangement of such pieces as may seem best calculated to animate the zealous christian in his acts of devotion; that he may not only sing with the spirit, but with the understanding also.

Judge James Kennedy, in old age, recalled the impact of this new style of singing and the new hymns and tunes: "Some of them from their novelty, and the beauty of the airs created quite a sensation when sung in the church the first time and all were anxious to hear and learn the new tunes." One hymn he remembered had the chorus

We are marching through Immanuel's ground

We soon shall hear that happy sound

And then we shall each other greet

And never, never part again.

"When both males and females had sung this far the male voices ceased and the clear sweet voices of the females sang the question 'What never part again?' and ceased, then the male voices replied 'No never Part again.'"<sup>19</sup>

The following year (1821) Davisson published Songs of Zion. This tunebook also borrowed heavily from Davisson's Kentucky Harmony. James P. Carrell, the compiler, was a Methodist local preacher and clerk of the Russell County Court in Lebanon, Virginia. He included many of his own compilations, too.<sup>20</sup>

Ananias Davisson published a new book of his own in 1821 called An Introduction to Sacred Music intended for singing schools. In 1825 he

published A Small Collection of Sacred Music, Chiefly Taken from the Kentucky Harmony and Supplement.

The next year (1826) Davisson brought out the fifth edition of the Kentucky Harmony, the third edition of the Supplement and a second edition of A Small Collection was published. Its preface is dated from Mount Vernon Forge, Rockingham County, Virginia.<sup>21</sup>

During his ten years publishing music books, Davisson made wise investments in real estate. His income from this source gave him some financial independence. His farm near Grottoes had an assessed valuation of \$12,000 in 1850 and he then owned eight adult slaves. Always a devout Presbyterian, Davisson was long a member of the session at Union Presbyterian Church in Rockingham County. He died in 1857 and was buried in the Cross Keys Presbyterian Churchyard.<sup>22</sup>

Ananias Davisson made a lasting contribution to American music in the ten years of his brief career as musical publisher. He personally linked the New England tradition of singing anthems with a native Southern musical idiom. More than any other composer and tune book compiler, Davisson set the pattern for the Southern shape-note tradition. His Kentucky Harmony and his other book "served as a source for American demotic hymnody. Upon which later compilers would draw freely."<sup>23</sup>

Davisson's work incorporated the melodies of English-Scottish and Scotch Irish folk songs and brought this rich heritage into the mainstream of American music. His colleagues and successors in the shape-note tradition followed his lead. James P. Carrell's Virginia Harmony (Winchester, 1831) borrowed from Davisson and included other traditional folk music from the British Isles. Joseph Funk's Genuine Church Music (Harrisonburg, 1832), better known as Harmonia Sacra, blended German and British music traditions.

The most famous of the later shape-note tune books, The Sacred Hays (Philadelphia, 1844), used 58 of the 144 tunes in Davisson's Kentucky Harmony of 1816. Other tune book compilers borrowed just as freely. As a result shape-note singings in the Shenandoah Valley today, whether Harmonia Sacra or Sacred Hays singings, invariably deep alive hymns and anthems, written by Ananias Davisson. His religious music also lives in the standard denominational hymnbooks of the Mennonites, the Presbyterians, and the United Methodists. It may well be that somewhere some choir is singing the music made popular in the singing schools of the Shenandoah Valley and the 1816 Kentucky Harmony.<sup>24</sup>



## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>John A. Douglas to Eleanor Hall, December 26, 1816. Hall-Douglas Papers, Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, N.C.

<sup>2</sup>Rachel Augusta Brett Harley, "Ananias Davisson, Southern Tune Book Compiler (1780-1857)," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Michigan, 1972, p. 26.

<sup>3</sup>Gilbert Chase, *America's Music From the Pilgrim's to the Present* (Chicago, 1987), pp. 170-171.

<sup>4</sup>George Puller Jackson, *White Spirituals in the Southern Uplands*, (Chapel Hill, N.C., 1933), p. 28.

<sup>5</sup>Howard McKnight Wilson, *The Lexington Presbytery Heritage* (Verona, Va., 1971), p. 65 and p. 86.

<sup>6</sup>Robert G. Albion, ed., *Journal and Letters of Philip Vickers Fithian, 1775-1776* (Princeton, N.J., 1934), pp. 139-143, and 175.

<sup>7</sup>George Kent Bellows and John Tasker Howard, *A Short History of Music in America* (New York, 1957), pp. 50-53.

<sup>8</sup>H. Wiley Hitchcock, *Music in the United States; A Historical Introduction* (Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1974) pp. 14-15.

<sup>9</sup>Wilson, *Lexington Presbytery*, p. 86. Charles Hamon, "The Chapins and Sacred music in the South and West," *Journal of Research in Music Education*, 8(1960), pp. 91-98. Professor Hamon described a collection of Chapin family letters, journals, and account books donated to the Cincinnati Historical Society in 1955.

<sup>10</sup>Miss Grace Showalter of Harrisonburg owns the Family Bible of Ananias Davisson. From it we learn that he was a son of Ananias and Jemima Davisson and was born February 2, 1780 in Shenandoah County. Harley, "Ananias Davisson," pp. 1-8. Irving Lowens, "Introduction to the Facsimile Edition," *Ananias Davisson, Kentucky Harmony* (Minneapolis, Minn., 1976) p. 5.

<sup>11</sup>Harley, "Ananias Davisson," pp. 13-14, 26.

<sup>12</sup>Harley, "Ananias Davisson," p. 10 John W. Wayland, *Historic Harrisonburg* (Staunton, Va., 1949), pp. 45-47.

<sup>13</sup>John A. Douglas to Eleonar Hall, December 26, 1816. Hall-Douglas Papers, Duke University. Herbert S. Turner, *Bethel and Her Ministers* (Verona, Va., 1974), pp. 96, 133, 153.

<sup>14</sup>Harley, "Ananias Davisson," p. 26 Military titles suggest that these men were fairly prominent in their communities rather than merely itinerant singing masters. James C. Lowry was a prolific composer of church music still found in Hymnals.

<sup>15</sup>Lowens, "Introduction," p. 11 Shenandoah Valley links with Missouri were especially close at that time.

<sup>16</sup>Harry Eskew, "Joseph Funk's 'Allgemein nutzliche Choral-Music' (1816), " *The Report: A Journal of German-American History*, 32 (1966) pp. 38-46. Grace Showalter, who has studied the careers of both men, observed that there is no documented connection between Joseph Funk and Davisson, but certainly the two must have met, at least on court day, at Harrisonburg" and "It would certainly be logical to suspect that they were influenced somewhat by one another." Letter to the author, February 3, 1987.

<sup>17</sup>Chase, *America's Music*, pp. 171-172. Lowens, "Introduction," p. 5.

<sup>18</sup>Dickson D. Bruce, Jr., *And They All Sang Hallelujah: Plain-Folk Camp-Meeting Religion, 1800-1845* (Knoxville, Tenn., 1974), p. 92.

<sup>19</sup>Richard K. MacMaster, *Our Strong Heritage 1778-1988 Asbury United Methodist Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia* (Harrisonburg, Va, 1988), pp. 20-24. Harley, "Ananias Davisson," pp. 31 and 47.

<sup>20</sup>Bruce, *And They All Sang Hallelujah*, p. 93.

<sup>21</sup>Harley, "Ananias Davisson," p. 11. Wayland, *Historic Harrisonburg*, p. 47.

<sup>22</sup>Harley, "Ananias Davisson," pp. 148-149.

<sup>23</sup>Chase, *America's Music*, p. 172.

<sup>22</sup>Lowens. "Introduction." p. 11. Harley, "Ananias Davisson," pp. 132-133.

## WM McCUTCHAN'S FAMILY RECORD

One sheet of paper from "Augusta County: Genealogy" file  
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Samuel McCutchan was born Oct 26, 1768, & died July 1st 1828

John McCutchan was born Nov. 13th 1770, Died May 29th 1844

Wm McCutchon was born May 10th 1773, Died Sept. 18th 1846, & Margaret  
his wife died July 6th 1848

James McCutchan was born Aug. 26, 1775, Died June 1st 1852

Downey McCutchon was born June 1st 1778, & Died July 17th 1853

Sallie McCutchon was born Sept 3d 1780

Charles McCutchon was born Decr 2nd 1783 and Died December 25th 1862

Margaret McCutchon was born Decr 16th 1786 Died August 1855

Robert W. McCutchon was born Feb 9th 1790 Died Feb 1869

The Parents of the above named Children viz Rebecca McCutchon Died  
June 10th 1820. Saml McCutchon Died March 2, 1830 aged 84 years.

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